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IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (currently amended) A method for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

simultaneously receiving one or more video/audio program from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

storing each of the one or more audio/video programs as data in one or more cyclic buffers, whereupon being filled the one or more cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest of the data with the newest of the data; and

simultaneously providing playback control of the data independently from storing the one or more audio/video programs, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more audio/video programs currently being received from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more time shifted-viewing settings may be configured via a user interface over a network connection.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising moving the data from the one or more cyclic buffers to one or more storage devices for archival of the data.

3-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A system for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

video input means for simultaneously receiving one or more video/audio program from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

one or more cyclic buffers for storing the one or more programs as program data in a cyclical fashion whereupon being filled, said cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest data with the newest of said data and are operable for simultaneously reading and writing of data; and

playback control means for providing playback control of the data independently from the storing of the data, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more programs currently being receiving from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more time shifted-viewing settings may be configured via a user interface over a network connection.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising a storage device comprising semi-permanent memory for storage of the one or more audio/video programs.

8.-14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the playback control comprises random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functions.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising capturing the playback control as viewing habit data.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising storing the viewing habit data.

18-19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the playback control means include random access play, stop, pause, rewind, and fast-forward functionality.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the playback control functionality is associated with viewing habit data.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising means for storing the viewing habit data.

26-27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises plot summary data.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises rating data.

30. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the data about the programs comprises cast data.

31. (new) A computer-readable having embodied thereon at least one program, the at least one program being executable by a processor to perform a method for time-shifted viewing of audio/video programs comprising:

simultaneously receiving one or more video/audio program from one or more sources, wherein the one or more audio/video programs are associated with data about the programs, the data about the programs provided over a network connection;

storing each of the one or more audio/video programs as data in one or more cyclic buffers, whereupon being filled the one or more cyclic buffers begin replacing the oldest of the data with the newest of the data; and

simultaneously providing playback control of the data independently from storing the one or more audio/video programs, wherein time-shifted viewing is delayed viewing of the one or more audio/video programs currently being received from the one or more sources, the viewing of which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with the storing of the one or more audio/video programs, and wherein one or more time shifted-viewing settings may be configured via a user interface over a network connection.